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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, please consider the following response.

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

This Request for Continued Examination is also accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 12, 2006 to December 12, 2006.